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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Farm Numbers Decline Slightly

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined less than 1 percent during 2011. The number of farms and ranches in the state, at 46,800, were down 400 farms from 2010. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 45.5 million acres, a decline of 100,000 acres from last year. The average size of operation, at 972 acres, increased by 6 acres from 2010.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2011 is estimated at 2.2 million, down less than 1 percent from 2010. Total land in farms and ranches in the United States, at 917 million acres, decreased 1.85 million acres from 2010. The average farm size is 420 acres, up 1 acre from a year earlier.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 2002-2011¹

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
2002	49,400	45,900	929	2,135,360	940,300	440
2003	48,500	45,900	946	2,126,860	936,750	440
2004	48,300	45,800	948	2,112,970	932,260	441
2005	48,000	45,700	952	2,098,690	927,940	442
2006	47,600	45,700	960	2,088,790	925,790	443
2007	47,700	45,600	956	2,204,950	921,460	418
2008	47,400	45,600	962	2,200,100	919,910	418
2009	47,200	45,600	966	2,200,210	919,890	418
2010	47,200	45,600	966	2,192,000	918,840	419
2011	46,800	45,500	972	2,181,000	916,990	420

¹ A farm is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold or normally would have been sold, during the year. Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2011 Summary, February 2012

Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 2010-2011

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms				Land in Farms			
	Nebraska		United States		Nebraska		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>Number</i>				<i>1,000 Acres</i>			
\$1,000-\$9,999	11,500	10,000	1,227,200	1,200,550	1,300	1,100	104,380	100,680
\$10,000-\$99,999	12,900	13,600	592,420	600,350	5,500	5,500	225,130	225,050
\$100,000-\$249,999	9,000	8,200	147,290	145,640	8,600	7,800	143,710	138,730
\$250,000-\$499,999	6,300	6,000	98,980	100,890	9,800	9,300	147,295	146,805
\$500,000 & Over	7,500	9,000	126,110	133,570	20,400	21,800	298,325	305,725

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2011 Summary, February 2012

Chickens: Inventory By Type, Nebraska and United States, December 1, 2010-2011

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2011/2010
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
All Chickens	11,592	11,290	97	455,012	447,251	98
Total Layers	9,376	9,119	97	341,884	338,472	99
Total pullets	2,216	2,171	98	105,738	101,928	96
Other chickens	-	-		7,390	6,851	93

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs 2011 Summary, February 2012

Eggs: Production, Average Number and Eggs per Layer, Nebraska and United States 2010-2011

Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Eggs Produced (<i>million</i>)	2,751	2,697	91,482	91,855
Average Number of Layers (<i>thousand</i>)	9,419	9,192	340,335	338,428
Eggs per Layer (<i>number</i>)	292	293	269	271

Source: USDA NASS Chickens and Eggs 2011 Summary, February 2012

U.S. Meats Supply and Use

Item	Supply				Use			
	Beginning stocks	Produc- tion ¹	Imports	Total supply	Exports	Ending stocks	Disappearance	
							Total	Per capita ^{2 3}
Million pounds ⁴								
Beef:								
2010	565	26,414	2,297	29,276	2,299	585	26,392	59.6
2011 Estimated	585	26,309	2,052	28,946	2,779	592	25,575	57.3
2012 Projected	592	25,225	2,090	27,907	2,765	520	24,622	54.7
Pork:								
2010	525	22,456	859	23,840	4,224	541	19,075	47.7
2011 Estimated	541	22,779	800	24,120	5,112	538	18,470	45.8
2012 Projected	538	23,254	785	24,577	5,115	570	18,892	46.5
Total red meat ⁵ :								
2010	1,114	49,183	3,322	53,619	6,539	1,145	45,935	108.6
2011 Estimated	1,145	49,382	3,020	53,547	7,909	1,150	44,488	104.3
2012 Projected	1,150	48,765	3,053	52,968	7,894	1,114	43,960	102.4
Broilers:								
2010	616	36,516	107	37,239	6,765	773	29,701	82.3
2011 Estimated	773	36,778	107	37,658	7,012	591	30,055	82.6
2012 Projected	591	35,714	104	36,409	7,050	600	28,759	78.3
Turkeys:								
2010	262	5,569	25	5,856	582	192	5,082	16.4
2011 Estimated	192	5,714	21	5,927	689	206	5,032	16.1
2012 Projected	206	5,778	20	6,004	650	225	5,129	16.3
Total poultry ⁶ :								
2010	880	42,589	136	43,605	7,426	969	35,209	100.0
2011 Estimated	969	43,014	130	44,113	7,795	799	35,519	100.1
2012 Projected	799	42,006	126	42,931	7,800	828	34,303	95.9
Red Meat & Poultry								
2010	1,994	91,772	3,458	97,224	13,965	2,114	81,144	208.7
2011 Estimated	2,114	92,395	3,150	97,659	15,704	1,949	80,006	204.4
2012 Projected	1,949	90,772	3,179	95,900	15,694	1,942	78,264	198.3

¹Total including farm production for red meats and, for poultry, federally inspected plus non-federally inspected, less condemnations.

²Pounds, retail-weight basis. ³Population source: Dept. of Commerce, Census Bureau. ⁴Carcass weight for red meats and certified ready-to-cook weight for poultry. ⁵Beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton. ⁶Broilers, turkeys and mature chicken.

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, February 9, 2012

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,
Nebraska and United States,
January 2012 with Comparisons**

Item	Total ¹	Jan 2012 Percent of	
		Jan 2011	Dec 2011
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle	538.7	96	97
Hogs	673.2	105	95
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	593.7	100	98
United States			
Cattle	2,715.7	99	99
Calves	67.7	94	93
Hogs	9,537.7	105	96
Sheep & Lambs	164.8	102	92
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,123.4	102	98

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 24, 2012

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, January 2012 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2012 Percent of	
		Jan 2011	Dec 2011
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	1,088,859	107	113
Beef	482,070	104	105
Pork	584,431	108	121
Poultry	909,927	89	108
Turkey	297,632	117	141
Chicken	609,776	79	97

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 22, 2012

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and
United States, January 2012 with Comparisons**

Item	2011	2012	2012/2011
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.3	9.1	98
United States	342.3	337.5	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	231	233	101
United States	6,736	6,783	101
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	41.4	40.3	97
Broiler	781.1	751.9	96

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 29, 2012

Hard White Winter Wheat

Of the total hard white winter wheat acreage planted for 2012, the most common variety reported was NuGrain.

**Hard White Winter Wheat:
Percent of Planted Acreage, Nebraska, 2008-2012**

Variety	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	<i>Percent</i>				
All White Varieties	1.9	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.8

Source: USDA NASS

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary February 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		February 2011 ¹	January 2012 ¹	February 2012 ²	February 2011 ¹	January 2012 ¹	February 2012 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	7.24	6.55	6.50	7.42	7.04	7.09
Corn	Bushel	5.49	6.02	6.10	5.65	6.07	6.16
Oats	Bushel	3.16	3.58	3.70	3.27	3.56	3.66
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	10.60	10.20	10.50	10.90	10.80	10.90
Soybeans	Bushel	12.40	11.40	11.80	12.70	11.90	12.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	76.00	128.00	128.00	116.00	172.00	176.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	80.00	137.00	139.00	129.00	192.00	198.00
Other, Baled	Ton	65.00	93.00	95.00	95.80	127.00	130.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	29.30	45.00	44.90	28.60	42.20	46.20
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.40 ³	63.50 ³	65.50 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.70 ³	63.70 ³	65.80 ³
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.30 ³	56.60 ³	58.10 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	108.00 ³	125.00 ³	126.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	111.00 ³	130.00 ³	130.00 ³
Cows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.50 ³	74.60 ³	80.10 ³
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	139.00 ³	169.00 ³	180.00 ³

¹Entire month average except hay. ²Preliminary. ³Price data source is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

(NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 29, 2012

Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings by Size of Feedlot – United States: 2010 and 2011

Feedlot capacity	2010			2011		
	Lots	Inventory ¹	Cattle marketed	Lots	Inventory ¹	Cattle marketed
	(Number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(Number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Less than 1,000 head	75,000	2,498.9	4,032	75,000	2,260.4	3,170
1,000 head or more	2,140	11,513	22,078	2,120	11,861	22,577
1,000 – 1,999	790	453	778	770	416	727
2,000 – 3,999	560	800	1,400	560	770	1,360
4,000 – 7,999	335	1,030	1,760	345	1,070	1,870
8,000-15,999	180	1,250	2,470	170	1,220	2,320
16,000 – 23,999	85	1,130	2,040	86	1,130	2,160
24,000 – 31,999	55	1,050	2,050	52	970	1,880
32,000 – 49,999	71	2,050	4,110	71	2,125	4,100
50,000 and Over	64	3,750	7,470	66	4,160	8,160
All feedlots	77,140	14,011.9	26,110	77,120	14,121.4	25,747

¹ Inventory estimates as of January 1 of the following year. Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, February 24, 2012

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